

KOREA AND FOREIGN POLICY

In this campaign, I have set forth my views on international questions which are so important in these critical times. I have promised the people that I will work to strengthen the United Nations and keep the doors of peace open. I went through the last war and I know the horrors of modern warfare. I have pledged my support to a strong national defense and I also favor the Marshall plan as long as it helps us win a cold war against expansion of Soviet Russia and avoids a shooting war. In building our national defense and in fixing our foreign policy partisan politics must stop at the water's edge.

During the campaign my opponent has played his typical role of a demagogue in discussing international questions. My opponent joined in with a hard core of Republican isolationists and voted consistently to block this nation's effort to win the cold war against Russia. He was the only Democrat in the Senate to vote against the Marshall plan this year and he opposed from the very beginning the sending of American products, including South Carolina cotton and tobacco, to block Soviet expansion and avoid sending our boys and girls into a shooting war.

My opponent set himself up as knowing more ~~and~~ about what is best for the country in this grave international crisis than General *George* Marshall, General Eisenhower, General Bradley, Cordell Hull, and James F. Byrnes, all of whom endorsed the Marshall plan.

Not only that but my opponent voted against the Korean ~~Act~~ Assistance/recommended over a year ago by our military leaders. He was one of the 9 Democrats who voted against the Armed Assistance Act of 1949. And let me give you some inside information on that.

Congress wrote into that Armed Assistance Act a provision of \$10,000,000 for sending arms to Korea and I can tell you tonight that not one dime of it was used.

The President and my opponent were both opposed to aiding Korea until a few days ago. The President reversed his policy and I commended him for doing it, and my opponent also reversed his policy. A year ago he voted against the Armed Assistance Act, just as he did the Marshall plan and other ~~xxxxxx~~ legislation to help win the cold war. But last week he had himself announced on the floor of the Senate as favoring the same law he voted against a year ago.

My opponent has ~~being~~ been going around over South Carolina talking about how our government was pouring money down the rat holes of Europe when everyone knows the Marshall plan stopped Russia cold in Italy and France and without it both countries would have fallen behind the Soviet iron curtain and we would have been run out of Germany.

This is not time to play politics with our foreign policy and our national defense. This applies to the President of the United States as well as to a United States Senator. The President should quit playing politics with our national security and quit using the army and navy to carry out his pet schemes to win negro votes in doubtful states.

I am not going to sit in the Senate like a stump, ^{and do nothing} as my opponent did and do nothing when an order comes down to mix the ~~white~~ races and force our ~~white~~ boys and girls to serve with negroes side by side

in the army, on ships, and use the same mess halls, the same sleeping barracks, and the same recreational facilities.

Any president who will go over the head of his generals and order a mixing of the races in the armed forces just to win negro votes in doubtful states is not fit to be President *of the U.S.*

And any Senator who would not speak out when such a dastardly thing was being done and then comes back down here to South Carolina and seeks to prejudice the people against our winning the cold war against Russia in order to justify his opposition to the Marshall plan *his opposition to* and Korean assistance is not worthy to be in the United States Senate.

The cold truth of the matter is that the President has been so busy playing negro politics that we find ourselves in a serious situation in Korea. If the President has been thinking about national security instead of seeing how many negro votes he could win in doubtful states by breaking down segregation in the armed forces, we would not be in the situation we are in Korea today.

I am glad the Senate is investigating what happened over there. It is inexcusable to send our boys into battle if they are not prepared. Our boys cannot fight tanks with rifles, and I hope the Senate will find out why the President did not use the \$10,000,000 Congress appropriated to send arms to Korea a year ago.